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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of reducing PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Add the following new claim:

-- 4. The ink jet recording paper according to claim 2 characterized in that a liquid transfer length in the Bristow's method according to 1. Tappi No. 51 - 87 is 100 mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50 μ L in a head box of 1 mm slit width and 15 mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0 mm/sec. --